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President Jordan and SEHS Dean William McCrone are shown with Howard University School of Education Dean Vanetta Jones, who chairs the Washington Education Council. On May 3, Gallaudet hosted a meeting of the council, a collaborative group that includes education deans and arts and sciences deans from the 12 schools in the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area, as well as area school superintendents.

Graduates face challenges, says NAD executive director

Addressing MSSD's Class of 2000 on June 10, National Association of the Deaf Executive Director Nancy Bloch noted that every generation faces its own set of challenges.

Bloch recalled that "29 years ago, when I sat where you are sitting, my parents' generation had just saved the nation from world tyranny and economic collapse, and President John Kennedy was challenging my generation to fight for civil rights, join the Peace Corps, and explore space..."

Bloch, who has been involved with organizations serving the deaf and hard of hearing communities for the past 22 years, told the 54 MSSD graduates that their generation faces daunting issues related to health, education, and the environment. But the most important matter, Bloch said, is ending racism, negative attitudes, and division that continue to plague society.

Moving on from high school to jobs or higher education, Bloch advised the graduates to temper their careers with other worthwhile pursuits—family, friendship, spirituality, and recreation. She gave a "Top 10" list for the Class of 2000 to be aware of as they go through life. The list included attributes such as patience, loyalty, honesty, kindness. At the top of the list is never settling for less than the best in everything in life that a person undertakes.

Even more important than what people do with their lives, said Bloch, is how they live their lives. Grades will no longer be used as a measure of achievement, she said. Instead, it will be their character—keeping promises, setting goals, and helping others.

For Raymonda Azrelyant, who was chosen to give the class speech, addressing her fellow graduates was a dream come true. Azrelyant, who emigrated from the Ukraine to the United States with her family when she was six years old, had a hard time learning English. "In elemen-

tary and junior high schools, my dream was to give a speech on graduation day," she said. "I promised myself that I would work harder and prove to myself and to others that I could do it."

Azrelyant spoke to her classmates about taking advantage of opportunities. Moving to a strange land with very little money and not knowing the language or the customs took a great deal of adjustment for her family. But picking up English was the ultimate challenge for Azrelyant—even by the time she entered MSSD as a freshman, she didn't have a foundation in English. But through diligence and hard work, and the help of MSSD's English and ESL teachers, she overcame her difficulties.

"I am grateful that my parents moved us all to America," said Azrelyant. In the Ukraine, "many deaf people were not allowed to attend college. We were given blue-collar jobs whether or not we were interested in these jobs. I know that with the many opportunities for deaf people in the United States, I will accomplish the many goals I have set for myself."

This year's Peter B. Hobbs Memorial Award, a \$1,500 scholarship named in memory of a beloved former MSSD principal, went to Mei Chen. Chen was also selected as the class valedictorian; Marlon Wynne was named salutatorian. **G**

Valedictorian and Peter B. Hobbs Memorial Award winner Mei Chen shares the joy of MSSD's commencement day with her family. The family, which resides in Connecticut, immigrated to the United States from China in the early 1990s.



New recruitment video distributed

Who wants to be somebody? 17-year-old high school student Uma Zinta, for one.

"Uma" is the stage name of Gallaudet student Maleni Chaitoo, who stars in the Office of Enrollment Services' new recruitment video, which is being distributed worldwide this spring. "Who Wants to be Somebody" is a challenging game show featuring questions about Gallaudet, and Uma competes for the chance to win a four-year scholarship to the University. At the show's conclusion, Uma morphs into future careers she can enjoy with a degree from Gallaudet.

Also starring is host Bill Millios,

assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, graduates Charmane Miller May and Ben Hoshina, and undergraduate students Laurie Anderson and John Serrano.

Based on a script developed by Gallaudet graduate and former recruiter Terry Giansanti, "Who Wants to be Somebody" was written and produced by Sandy White and edited by Patrick Harris, both of Gallaudet University Television. All members of G.U.T. contributed significantly to the success of this program, along with project coordinator Debra Lawson from Enrollment Services. **G**



"Uma" (Maleni Chaitoo) competes for the chance to win a four-year scholarship to Gallaudet by answering questions from host Bill Millios in a scene from the new recruitment video.

Gallaudet students work with D.C. Council this summer

A pilot program entitled the Political Internship Program is pairing Gallaudet students with members of the D.C. Council for 10-week internships this summer.

Eleven students began their internship on June 5 at the D.C. Council offices at One Judiciary Square, NW. Each intern is assigned duties that match his or her major and specific skills. For example, one intern will be writing press releases, another will translate printed materials from English to Spanish, and a third will design a web page.

The idea for the new internship program began after two Gallaudet students, Ryan Commerson and Daniele LeRose, both TV production majors, worked on a 30-second political

video for Council Member Harold Brazil. Lisa Spells, a press secretary and liaison for the D.C. Council, became aware of the video and realized that deaf people and deaf culture have been generally absent from the D.C. political process. Hoping to change this, Spells combined forces with the Academic Advising and Career Center in hopes of fostering an internship program. Spells's efforts, along with those of Jodi Rudick, Dan Timlen, and Sharrell McCaskill of the Academic Advising and Career Center, led to the pilot program.

In preparation for hosting an intern, the D.C. council members and their staff attended a sensitivity workshop about working with deaf and hard of hearing individuals offered by McCaskill, Rudick, and Dr. Margaret Weigers, an assistant professor in the Sociology Department. The workshop leaders addressed breaking down communication barriers, introduced deaf culture, and held role-playing situations. To facilitate communication, the office of At-Large Council Member David Catania has initiated sign language classes for the staff. "They really want the Gallaudet interns to be comfortable and feel accepted," said Rudick. **G**



ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,
I didn't see your name in the new organization chart. I hope you haven't been "restructured out" of Gallaudet. Your advice and commentaries are critical to the continued well-being of the University. Say it ain't so.
Big Fan

Dear BF,
How sweet of you to think of me, dear. Fear not, though. Auntie has not been declared redundant. Rather, in addition to her present responsibility as the campus' Senior Purveyor of Timely and Tasteful Advice, she has been given a new prestigious role: Exposer Extraordinaire of Dumb Ideas. According to the job description for this new position, I must forthwith ferret out those ideas that are, at best, quite lame, and at the worst, dangerous to our community of saints and scholars. Stay tuned.

If you have a burning question that you would like to ask Aunt Sophie, e-mail her at public.relations. Be sure you say your question is for Aunt Sophie.

NOTES FROM PERSONNEL

Service awards for May

Five years:

Chantrawan Chittasingh, nurse practitioner, Student Health Services; **Ryan Kempton**, senior payroll clerk, Human Resources

Fifteen years:

Dr. Stephen Weiner, dean, School of Undergraduate Studies

Twenty years:

Dorothy Alexis, supervisor, Accounting; **Dr. Thomas Allen**, dean, Graduate School and Research; **Rena Arnold**, accounting clerk, Accounting; **Dr. Ronald Dreher**, associate professor/chair, Physical Education and Recreation; **Margaret Drinkwater**, stipend and grants specialist, School of Undergraduate Studies; **Marylou Foster**, requisition clerk, Physical Plant Administration

Twenty-five years:

Sandra White, senior producer/writer, Gallaudet University Television

Thirty years:

George Debrah, purchasing agent, Contracts and Purchasing; **Joanne Rackham**, theatrical coordinator, Theatre Arts

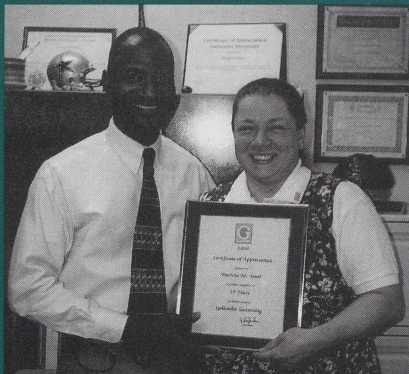
New employees hired in May

Craig Doleac, activity sponsor, Clerc Center; **Victoria Griffin**, **Sophia Lynch**, **Tammy Rydstrom**, and **Irvin Terrell**, clerks, Accounting; **Patricia Hopkins**, interior designer/buyer, Contracts and Purchasing; **Mary Hufnell**, coordinator of training, Mental Health Center; **Jessiah Huseby**, facilities support assistant, Business Services; **Pamela Mower**, employer recruiter specialist, Career Center; **Kendra Smith**, counselor, Mental Health Center; **William Whiteside**, activity sponsor, Clerc Center; **Hong Xu**, data entry/information dissemination, Graduate Studies

Retirements:

David Chidlow and **Mary Price**, Student Health Services; **Paul Davis** and **Jay Hill**, Maintenance Services; **Ernesto Ortega**, Clerc Center; **Herbert Rosen**, Administration and Business; **Howard Edwards**, Custodial Services

Edgar Palmer, Office for Students with Disabilities/Tutorial Center director, presents Patricia Tesar, Office for Students with Disabilities coordinator, a plaque commending her for 15 years of service to the University. Tesar, who is majoring in special education administration, will complete her doctoral studies this December. In this capacity, she is conducting the first-ever research study to explore the extent that support services provided by her office impact the educational and social adjustment of deaf college students with learning disabilities.



Kendall honorees 'Puttin' on the Ritz'

This year's Kendall Demonstration Elementary School (KDES) honorees toured Washington in style—no yellow school bus for them. These upcoming graduates stepped out in a white limousine that looked like it stretched a block long. The tour was one of the highlights of a year's worth of fundraising activities to cover the expenses of the honorees' end-of-year activities.

The 13 honorees and team 6,7,8 teachers Monika Barglow and Jim Barrie filed into the limo and headed out to take group pictures in front of the Capitol, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, and the White House. They stopped at Pentagon City for shopping, and lunched at McDonald's. The group attracted attention wherever it went, and other school students in buses at the tour sites looked on in envy.

This year's group of honorees did an exceptional job of fundraising. They sponsored two car washes, made and sold T-shirts, and constructed two rowing

boats, or skiffs, one of which they raffled. They raised over \$1,300 from their efforts. The 12-foot by 4-foot skiffs were made from kits donated by the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, an organization that works with non-traditional school children. The winner of the

boat raffle, Senoa Geohring, a Child Development Center teacher, donated the boat to Steve Doleac, Clerc Center co-curricular assistant, who lives near the Chesapeake Bay. He gave the boat its first water trial and pronounced, "It's great. It rows straight and true."

"We're proud of our honorees," said Barrie. "These fundraising activities are good learning experiences for the stu-



KDES honorees return from their limo tour of Washington. The honorees are (from left): Nathaniel Jones, KeArra Leath, Eric Brooks, Rasco Brobbey, Samuel Metcalfe, Daniel Martin, Ludmilla Mounty-Weinstock, KDES graduation speaker Kelby Brick, Jonathan Kessel, Tomasa Urrutia, Mariquita Ash, Joshua Weinstock, Kia Proctor, Nahid Akhter, and limo driver 'Dave'.

dents. They learn to work cooperatively towards a goal, and practice job responsibilities. They raised enough money to cover their limo tour of Washington and a trip to Six Flags amusement park. We hope to expand the fundraising activities next year to not only cover end-of-year activities, but to raise money to buy books and equipment for team 6,7,8." **G**

Conference to focus on changes in American deaf community

The past 25 years has seen unprecedented changes in society. Nowhere can this better be exemplified than within the American deaf community.

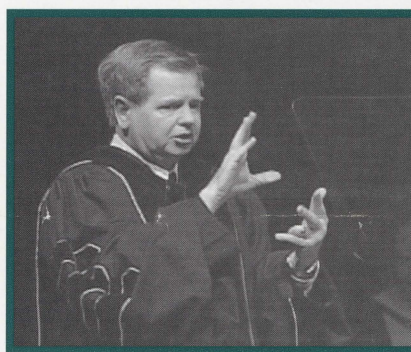
Five important areas that have particularly affected the deaf community: technology, cochlear implants, education, genetics, and diversity, will be addressed July 1 at an all-day conference in the Gallaudet Conference Center entitled "The American Deaf Community: Diversity and Change."

A distinguished group of presenters and special guests will reflect on these issues, and ample time will be allocated for participants to comment and raise questions.

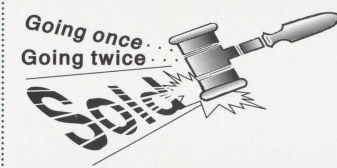
The timing of the conference could not be better. It begins the day after the conclusion of the 4th International Conference on Deaf History, which will also be held at Gallaudet, June 27-30, and a few days before the National Association of the Deaf conference July 3-8 in Norfolk, Va.

"This is an opportunity for our community to join us for lively discussion and an insightful look into the American Deaf Community's past, present, and future," commented President Jordan, whose office is sponsoring the conference.

For more information about the conference, e-mail audrey.wineglass or call Wineglass, conference planner, at x8-6060. **G**



School of Management Dean Ronald Sutcliffe signs the names of undergraduate students at the University's commencement exercises on May 12. Dr. Sutcliffe has attended all but one of Gallaudet's commencements since 1955—his preparatory year.

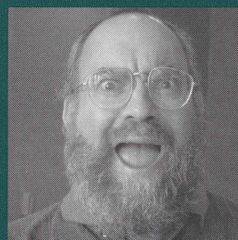


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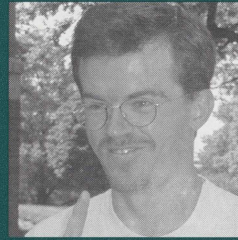
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If you were suddenly offered a ride on the Space Shuttle, how would you react?

Roving Reporter asked people to respond to the question using only facial expression.



Ira Damiant, teacher, MSSD



Brian Huntington, travel agent, Travel-On



Sharon Hayes, international program specialist, Center for Global Education



Maria Danso, secretary III, Physical Education and Recreation

